

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the PTO the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), because the above-identified patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/943,667 (the "'667 application") copies of the references numbered 2-26 and 38 on the enclosed PTO-1449 form are not enclosed because they were provided to the PTO in the '667 application. Copies of the other references are included herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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